LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A controller for use with a fabric grooming device comprising:

an interactive user interface with having one or more input selectors, and one or more output indicators, and a digital display panel for displaying scrolled and segmented text;

wherein said interface is operatively connected to a microprocessor, and wherein said interface is integrated onto the <u>a handle of the</u> fabric grooming device.

- 2. (Previously presented) The controller of claim 1, wherein each of said one or more input selectors have an image or symbol associated therewith for identifying the function and/or operation corresponding thereto.
- 3. (Previously presented) The controller of claim 1, wherein at least one of said one or more input selectors is a touch-sensitive panel.
- 4. (Previously presented) The controller of claim 2, wherein at least one of said one or more input selectors is an LCD panel.

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- 5. (Previously presented) The controller of claim 2, wherein at least one of said one or more input selectors is an LED panel.
- 6. (Previously presented) The controller of claim 2, wherein said one or more input selectors are selected from a group consisting of a button, a switch, a roller, and a knob.
- 7. (Previously presented) The controller of claim 1, wherein each of said one or more output indicators have an image or symbol for identifying the function and/or operation corresponding thereto.
- 8. (Previously presented) The controller of claim 7, wherein at least one of said one or more output indicators is a display panel.
- 9. (Previously presented) The controller of claim 7, wherein at least one of said one or more output indicators is an LCD panel.
- 10. (Previously presented) The controller of claim 7, wherein at least one of said one or more output indicators is an LED panel.
 - 11. (Canceled).

- 12. (Previously presented) The controller of claim 1, wherein said one or more output indicators are a visual indicator.
- 13. (Previously presented) The controller of claim 1, wherein said one or more output indicators are an audible indicator.
- 14. (Previously presented) The controller of claim 1, wherein said one or more output indicators are a tactile indicator.
- 15. (Previously presented) The controller of claim 1, wherein said microprocessor is operatively connected to a sound generator, one or more sensors, and/or a heater.
- 16. (Previously presented) The controller of claim 15, wherein said microprocessor is also operatively connected to a timer.
- 17. (Previously presented) The controller of claim 16, wherein said microprocessor is operatively connected to a vibrator.

18. (Currently amended) A controller for a fabric grooming device comprising:
a digital interface <u>having a segmented LCD display suitable for displaying</u>
segmented text and a scrolling LCD display suitable for displaying scrolling text;

a microprocessor operatively connected with said interface;

wherein said interface and/or said microprocessor are operatively connected to any of a variety of operational features of said fabric grooming device to facilitate interactive operational control thereof, and

wherein said interface is integrated onto the <u>a handle of the</u> fabric grooming device.

19. (Currently amended) A controller operatively associated with a fabric grooming device comprising:

a digital interface <u>having a segmented LCD display suitable for displaying</u>

<u>segmented text and a scrolling LCD display suitable for displaying scrolling text, wherein</u>

<u>said interface provides</u> for providing interactive communication between a user and the fabric grooming device;

wherein said interface is operatively connected with a microprocessor and one or more sensors, and

wherein said interface is integrated onto the <u>a handle of the</u> fabric grooming device.

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20. (Currently amended) A user interface associated with a control for a fabric grooming device, the user interface comprising:

one or more input selectors for inputting user instruction;

one or more output indicators for outputting operational information; and a microprocessor operatively connected to said input selectors and said output selectors, wherein said interface is integrated onto the a handle of the fabric grooming device[[.]];

a segmented LCD display panel suitable for displaying segmented text, and a scrolling LCD display panel suitable for displaying scrolling text.

- 21. through 81. (Canceled).
- 82. (Previously presented) The controller of claim 18, wherein said digital interface is a touch-sensitive panel.
- 83. (Previously presented) The controller of claim 19, wherein said digital interface is a touch-sensitive panel.
- 84. (Previously presented) The user interface of claim 20, wherein at least one of said one or more input selectors is a touch-sensitive panel.